**Delay in Postal deliveries**

719. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inordinate delays taking place in Postal delivery these days;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to. the introduction of speed post delivery system the ordinary mail is being neglected;

(c) by when the communication system is likqly to be improved; and

. (d) what is the problem in delivery of ordinary mail throughout India the next day?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) The Government are aware that on certain occasions,* mails are delayed due to the cancellation and delay Io mail carrying trains/flights/buses and to some extent due to mis-sorting.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Improvement in the communication system is a continiuing process and regular revices are being earried out for this purpose.

(d) With the existing modes of transport available to us, it is not possible to ensure delivery of ordinary mails throughout India the next day.

**STD Facilitie *to* HARIPAD**

720. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :.

(a) by when the STD facilities to HARIPAD in Alleppey District is expected to be Commissioned.

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce Group Dialling System between MAVELIKARA, Edathua and Mannar; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMU NICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) :(a) STD facility to Haripad is likely to be commissioned by March, [t]1991.

(b) No, Sir'

(c) Does not arise.

**Merger of Kodukuianji and Cheriauadu Telephone Exchanges**

721. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to merge Kodukuianji and Cb«-rianadu Telephone Exchanges and open an Electronic Tele. Exchange at Kollakadavu;

(b) if so, what action has been taken for the construction of the proposed Building; and

(c) by when the projeci is expected td be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO); (a) to (c) At present the proposal is under examination. 50 % of land has been acquired for construction of Telephone Exchange building at Kollakadavu. The project is likely to be completed during Eight plan subject to approval of the Plan and availability of tho equipment.